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For: GAS MIXTURES USEFUL AS ULTRASOUND
CONTRAST MEDIA CONTRAST AGENTS CONTAINING
THE MEDIA AND METHOD

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April 18, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action of March 26, 2002, and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 25-46.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species given on page 2, fourth paragraph, of the Official Action, applicants elect: biocompatible gas A = air; biocompatible gas B = C₄F₁₀ and the phospholipid is phosphatidic acid.

The elected biocompatible gas A is featured in claim 37 and the elected biocompatible gas B is featured in claim 34 while the phospholipid is the first one mentioned in claim 44.

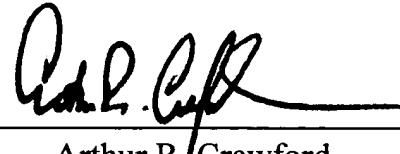
Applicants look forward to an examination to the full extent of presently worded claims 25-46.

Please take into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed
October 23, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for	0 20	minus highest number (at least 20) =	0 0	x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
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